

CRIMP AND WELD CONNECTION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A stent comprises a first section and a second section and at least one
securement member. The at least one securement member is disposed about at least one
region of the first section and at least one region of the second section. The at least one
securement member has a crimped diameter that is less than its uncrimped diameter.
When the at least one securement member is in the crimped diameter at least a portion
10 of an inner surface of the at least one securement member is fixedly engaged to the at
least one region of the first section and the at least one region of the second section. In
the crimped diameter the at least one region of the first section and the at least one
region of the second section are immediately adjacent one another.